

Amendment 1 to W912WJ-17-R-0010
Request for Information

1. [Question] The synopsis requests a Laboratory Design Specialist. For this role, does the term “Laboratory” refer to the cleanroom itself, or to the infrastructure/rooms outside the cleanroom (i.e., wet labs, dry labs, quiet labs, failure analysis labs, etc.)?

[Answer] The laboratory design specialist refers to the integration of MIT LL’s equipment/tool information into the overall building design.

2. [Question] Please provide a description of the substrate material or materials envisioned for use in the cleanroom (i.e., silicon, gallium arsenide, indium phosphide, gallium nitride, silicon carbide).

[Answer] This level of detailed design information is not necessary for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation.

3. [Question] Please describe the wafer size the facility is planned for (i.e., 150mm, 200mm, 300mm, etc.).

[Answer] This level of detailed design information is not necessary for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation

4. [Question] The synopsis allows for one supplemental 11”x17” page to present photos and/or plans from each project in Section F. Does this 11”X17” page count against the 100 total pages allowed, or are these supplemental 11” X17” pages exempt from page count?

[Answer] This is included in the 100 page count - See section 5, 2nd paragraph of the synopsis solicitation.

5. [Question] The synopsis states that “Section D, the Organizational Chart may be submitted on 11” x 17” paper (single sided) if necessary”. If 11”x17” paper is used for the organizational chart, will this count as one or two pages?

[Answer] An 11”X17” counts as two pages – See section 5, 2nd paragraph of the synopsis solicitation.

6. [Question] There is a 10 point font restriction for text. May graphics use an 8 point font if it is legible?

[Answer] No. 10 point font is the minimum.

7. Specialized Experience and Technical Competence

a. [Question] Will projects completed for U.S. DOD clients be more highly valued than those performed for other federal agencies?

[Answer] See item #5 in section 3(a) of the synopsis solicitation for selection criteria.

b. [Question] Will projects completed for private sector clients be valued as highly as those completed for U.S. DOD?

[Answer] See section 3(a) of the synopsis solicitation for selection criteria.

8. [Question] The synopsis states that “The lead architect or engineer assigned to the project in each of the previously listed disciplines must be registered”. Does the agency request that offerors submit a resume for only the lead in each discipline (i.e., one resume per discipline), or are multiple resumes required for some or all disciplines?

[Answer] A minimum of one resume for each key personnel is required.

9. Professional Qualifications

a. [Question] Will all Key Personnel evaluations be valued equally or will there be a higher value placed on certain Key Personnel? If the latter, which Key Personnel will be valued higher?

[Answer] There is no weighting amongst key personnel - See section 3(a) for the synopsis solicitation for selection criteria.

b. [Question] Will other disciplines specified in Selection Criteria 3(b)(2) be valued the same as Key Personnel?

[Answer] No. Section 3, Selection Criteria, 2nd sentence, states “Factors are listed in descending order of importance (first by major criterion and then by each sub-criterion).”

c. [Question] Please describe the relative value of Key Personnel versus other disciplines.

[Answer] Key Personnel are listed in Section 3(b)(1). Other disciplines are listed in Section 3(b)(2). Section 3, Selection Criteria, 2nd sentence, states “Factors are listed in descending order of importance (first by major criterion and then by each sub-criterion).”

10. Extent of Participation of Small Business (SB) and Small Disabled Business (SDB) concerns

a. [Question] The solicitation states that extent of use “will be measured as a percentage of the total anticipated contract effort.” Please confirm that the Small Business Subcontracting Plan should be based on the amount of subcontracting performed by the prime and not a percent of the total contract value.

[Answer] The percentage is based on the total contract value. See FAR 19.704(a) for subcontracting plan requirements.

b. [Question] What is USACE's Small Business subcontracting goal?

[Answer] The USACE's Small Business subcontracting goal is not relevant for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation. The offeror is responsible for proposing subcontracting goals and incorporating them into a Small Business Subcontracting Plan, as applicable.

c. [Question] Should we be guided by the agency's overall Small Business subcontracting goal or one specific to NAE?

[Answer] The USACE's Small Business subcontracting goal is not relevant for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation. The offeror is responsible for proposing subcontracting goals and incorporating them into a Small Business Subcontracting Plan, as applicable.

11. [Question] The solicitation refers to a Basis of Design for the CSL/MIF. Does this previous work define a preferred conceptual/schematic design solution to be accepted and developed by the selected A/E? Or will the A/E be required to fully develop a design direction based on program requirements and design criteria?

[Answer] The selected A-E will use its basis of design as a starting point for its development of design.

12. [Question] Four existing buildings are identified for demolition. What is the approximate total area of these buildings?

[Answer] This information is not necessary for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation.

13. [Question] What is the purpose of the demolition?

[Answer] This information is not necessary for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation.

14. [Question] Please describe the aesthetic architectural design review process that will be associated with approval of the CSL/MIF design.

[Answer] The design review process will be specified in the scope of work issued to the selected A-E.

15. [Question] What entities (USACE, HAFB, LL, MIT) will be involved in review and approval?

[Answer] The entities involved in the design review process will be specified in the scope of work issued to the selected A-E.

16. [Question] What is the approximate area of parking to be relocated? Has the relocation site been established?

[Answer] This information is not necessary for the submission of responses to this synopsis solicitation.

17. [Question] Part IIs: The synopsis requires that "Part II of the SF 330 must also be submitted for each consultant and if a joint venture, for the joint venture entity." In the event of an unconsolidated JV with no employees, will the agency accept Part IIs from the JV parent firms so that Part IIs represent staff numbers?

[Answer] All member companies of the joint venture must submit a Part II, and the joint venture itself must submit a Part II. If the joint venture has no employees, simply indicate so in the appropriate section of the part II form.

18. The combined synopsis / solicitation states in Paragraph 4: "If there are a large number of interested firms, a Pre-selection Board may be utilized." The paragraph goes on to describe how the selection process will occur with the use of a pre-selection board.

a. [Question] What quantity of responders constitutes a "large number"?

[Answer] No specific number has been established. It is up to the discretion of selecting official as to whether to convene a pre-selection board.

b. [Question] If the number of responders is not a "large number", how will the selection process occur?

[Answer] If the number of responders is not large, then no pre-selection board will be used and all submissions will be reviewed and evaluated by the selection board.

19. [Question] Has there been a cut-off date established for questions and answers regarding the solicitation?

[Answer] Please submit all questions by 10 April 2017.

20. Paragraph 5 of the solicitation states the following: "In the SF 330, Part I, Section F, Box 24, provide the following information for each project: month/year the firm's work started and completed; total contract value of the work performed by the firm and any team subcontractors to be used on this project; physical size of the designed facility (gross square footage and acreage); and construction cost (cost range requested if specific amount cannot be provided)."

[Question] Regarding "...total contract value of the work performed by the firm and any team subcontractors to be used on this project;...", are we to provide the combined total contract value for both the prime and any team subcontractors to be used on this project, or separate this cost for the prime and any proposed team subcontractors? Are we to ignore the cost of other

subcontractors who may have worked on the project but are not going to be included on our team for this project?

[Answer] If the A-E was the prime A-E on a sample project then they are to indicate total value of the A-E's contract. If the A-E and/or their subcontractor was a subcontractor on a sample project then the value of each subcontractor's work shall be provided.

21. [Question] What level of security clearance is required by individuals (project manager or other key personnel) for submitting A-E teams?

[Answer] No specific security clearance is required. See section 2, last sentence of 3rd paragraph which states "This project is on a secure DoD installation and involves sensitive information; all members of the A-E's team who work on this project must be U.S. citizens and are subject to a background check."

Note: A second amendment will be issued to answer more RFIs submitted. Amendment 0001 does not change the proposal due date.